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Hruska Raps Silence Plea

'Demand for Facts on Cuba Not Partisan'

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The Administration's plea that Congressional attacks on its Cuban policy be brought to an end won a quick response Monday from Senator Roman Hruska of Nebraska.

From Keene, N. H., where he was making a speech, Mr. Hruska said:

"Under Secretary of State Ball's call for an end to demands that the American people be told the full truth about Cuba is somewhat strange coming from an Administration which campaigned for the Presidency by creating out of whole cloth a missile gap that never existed, merely for political advantage."

Two Aspects

He said there are two important aspects to the nation's military posture:

—The United States must be so strong that no aggressor would dare attack.

—The aggressor must believe in American strength.

"In other words," Mr. Hruska declared, "our military might must have credibility. During six long months of the 1960 Presidential campaign, there was a determined effort to tear down this credibility by reckless and completely unfounded charges of a missile gap."

Then the Senator referred to a 1960 speech made by John F. Kennedy in Denver, where the then Senator from Massachusetts, bidding for the Presidency, quoted the late Republican Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio.

'Not Partisan'

Mr. Taft had said: "If you permit appeals to unity to bring an end to criticism, we endanger not only the constitutional liberties of our country, but even its future existence."

In Denver, Mr. Kennedy said of Mr. Taft's words:

"I commend them to his successors."

In that same speech, Mr. Kennedy said: "It is precisely because we are in danger that

From Keene, N. H., where we have an obligation to state our needs."

Senator Hruska said the demand for "the complete facts on Cuba" is not a partisan matter.

Senator John Stennis of Mississippi, chairman of the Senate Preparedness subcommittee, recently declared that the public had not been told the whole story on Cuba, Mr. Hruska continued, "and he is a member of the President's party."

'Brushed Off'

He called "one of the strangest parts of the Administration's complaint its call for Congressional critics to turn over to the Central Intelligence Agency and the Pentagon the information they have on the Soviet buildup in Cuba."

He said that has been done —that Senator Kenneth B. Keating (Rep., N.Y.), probably the leading critic, has met with CIA Director John McCone and "has always been ready to do so."

Mr. Keating, he asserted, was "brushed off" when last summer he first called attention to the Soviet buildup.

"The country is understandably wondering what is true and what is false," the Nebraskan declared. "This much seems absolutely clear: the Congress and the people are not getting the full story."

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